

to be on an islet, where at any rate one is sure not to run up against cannibals."

"And that is what we should probably know if we could get to the top of the cliff," Frank added.

"Yes," said Fritz; "but there isn't a single place where we can do it."

"Not even by climbing up the promontory f" Captain Gould asked.

"It is practicable, although very difficult, as far as half way," Fritz answered, *c but the upper walls are absolutely perpendicular. We should have to use ladders, and even then success isn't certain. If there were some chimney which we could get up with -ropes, it might perhaps be possible to reach the top, but there isn't one anywhere."

"Then we will take the boat and reconnoitre the coast," said Captain Gould.

"When you are completely recovered, captain, and not before," replied Fritz firmly. "It will be several days yet before——"

"I am getting better, Fritz," the captain declared; "how could it be otherwise, with all the attention I have? Mrs. Wolston and your wife and Dolly would have cured me merely by looking at me. We will put to sea in forty-

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latest." • ,
" Westward or eastward ? " Fritz
asked*